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In re application of:

Kerry S. Lane

Serial No. 10/693,937

Filed: Oct. 28, 2003

For: Method and System for  
Assay and Removal of Harmful  
Toxins During Processing of  
Tobacco Products

Examiner: Dionne Walls

Art Unit: 1731

Attorney's Docket No.: 10.092.005

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to an Action on the merits of this application, kindly amend the application  
as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are located in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 4.

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